

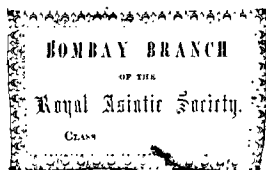
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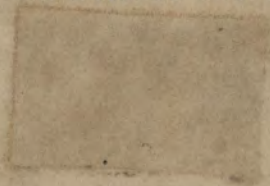
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No. ¹⁸⁸⁵₇ OF 1893.

FROM

THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
Bombay;

TO

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Judicial Department,
Bombay.

*Police Commissioner's Office,
Bombay, 7th April 1893.*

SIR,

I have the honour to submit herewith the annual report on the working of the Bombay City Police for 1892.

2. In conformity with the instructions contained in Government Resolution, Judicial Department, No. 4075, dated 14th July 1886, I forwarded the report to the Chief Presidency Magistrate, and beg to attach hereto, for the information of Government, a copy of the letter No. 394, dated 5th instant, from that officer.

3. By an oversight I omitted to mention the harmony and good feeling with which the Police and the Magistrates have worked together in the past year and am glad that the Chief Presidency Magistrate has mentioned it.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,
W. H. WILSON, Colonel,
Commissioner of Police.

No. 394 OF 1893.

FROM

C. P. COOPER, Esq.,
Chief Presidency Magistrate and Revenue Judge;

TO

THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
Bombay.

*Chief Presidency Magistrate's Court,
Bombay, 5th April 1893.*

SIR,

In returning with thanks the Bombay Police annual report for the year 1892 forwarded with your letter No. ¹⁸⁸⁵₇ dated the 3rd instant, on which I have no remarks to offer, I have the honour to suggest that mention might be made of the harmony and good feeling with which the Police and the Magistrates' departments continue to work together.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,
(Signed) C. P. COOPER,
Chief Presidency Magistrate
and Revenue Judge.

(True Copy)

W. H. WILSON, Colonel,
Commissioner of Police.



No. 1094 of 1893.

FROM

COLONEL W. H. WILSON,
Commissioner of Police,
Bombay;

TO

W. LEE-WARNER, Esq., C. S. I.,
Secretary to Government, Judicial Department,
Bombay.

*Police Commissioner's Office,
Bombay, 7th April 1893.*

SIR,

I have the honour to submit the annual report on the police administration in the Town and Island of Bombay during the year 1892.

2. I was in charge of the office of Commissioner of Police throughout the year; while the appointment of my Deputy was held by Mr. H. G. Gell up to 24th September 1892, when he went on furlough. Since then the senior Superintendent of the Force, Mr. J. Crummy, has been acting.

3. The statements A, B, D, E and F, as prescribed by the Government of India, together with the additional forms mentioned below, are appended to this report:—

G.—Statement of expenditure on police buildings.

H.—Statement of resignations and dismissals.

I.—Statement of juvenile offenders.

J.—Statement of re-convicted persons.

K.—Statement of Coroner's inquests.

L.—Statement of fires in Bombay.

4. During the year under review, 20,581 cognizable cases were reported to the Police and the Magistrates against 17,894 in 1891, showing an increase of 2,688 cases. This increase was mostly confined to Classes III and V and Miscellaneous Laws. Of the 20,581 cases reported, 18,158 ended in conviction, giving a percentage of 88.22 against 86.6 last year.

5. The subjoined table shows the number of cognizable cases under the Indian Penal Code:—

	1891.	1892.	Increase.	Decrease.
Abetments ...	...	...	...	...
Class I ...	25	18	...	7
" II ...	271	248	...	25
" III ...	245	288	43	...
" IV ...	34	30	...	4
" V ...	3,207	3,283	76	...
Total ...	3,782	3,865	119	36

Net increase 83.

6. The increase of 83 cases under the Indian Penal Code is chiefly to be noticed in "House-breaking" (Serial No. 36), "Thefts, ordinary" (Serial No. 44) and "Receiving stolen property" (Serial No. 46).

7. The major portion of the increase in cases of house-breaking again took place in the outlying suburbs of Máhim and Sion, where the police posts are very far apart on account of the paucity of the force. With an increase to the force on the re-organization scheme being sanctioned, this class of crime in

those districts instead of increasing will no doubt decrease. As regards the increase in thefts the same remarks apply. Cases of receiving stolen property show an increase of 41 cases. If detection is good, this is to be expected when there is an increase of crimes against property.

8. Under Class VI and Miscellaneous Laws the figures for 1891 and 1892 stand as under :—

	1891.	1892.	Increase.	Decrease.
Class VI ...	671	426	...	245
Miscellaneous Laws ...	13,440	16,290	2,850	...
Total ...	14,111	16,716	2,850	245

Net increase 2,605.

9. The increase of 2,605 cases correctly falls under the Police Acts, and not, as would appear from a comparison of the statement for 1891 and 1892, under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act. The total number of cases entered under the latter head in 1891 was 828. But inasmuch as such cases had to be amalgamated with the number of cases under the Police Acts prior to the notification at page 716, Part I, of the *Government Gazette* dated 3rd September 1891, it was not possible to show them separately. From the figures obtained from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for 1891 it appears that there were 3,771 cases against 3,079 in the year under report.

10. The increase in cases under the Police Acts chiefly occurred in connection with petty offences such as street obstructions, &c. This increase is due to greater attention on the part of the Police on account of frequent complaints from the public.

11. The remaining increase is chiefly confined to the Public Conveyance Act, and is attributable to the complaints by the public of the annoyance caused by the drivers charging down on them when plying for hire off the stands.

12. I am glad to observe that drunkenness continues to decrease. The temperance movements set on foot in different parts of the town may justly claim their share of this improvement.

13. The decrease under the head of "Bad Characters" is attributable to a misunderstanding on the part of one of the Superintendents last year in entering "beggars" under this head in the year 1891. The mistake was only discovered when compiling this report.

14. With reference to gambling, I have to remark that during the months of August, September and October a game called "Eki Beki" played on a bagatelle table was started, and in a short time spread rapidly over the town, causing a gambling mania amongst the lower classes. The game is played as follows :—

The player takes eight billiard balls—four plain and four spotted (the plain balls being known or designated "Eki" and the spotted balls "Beki"), and places them in files behind each other on the table in the following order :—one plain and one spotted, one spotted and one plain, and so on in couples ; on the upper spot of the bagatelle table two red balls are spotted or placed ; the player then with some force and in a haphazard manner pushes or propels the eight balls with his two hands and strikes the red balls ; the bets, which have already been made by the persons around and about the tables between themselves, are decided by the highest number of either the plain or spotted balls pocketed.

At first, doubts were entertained as to whether the game could be brought within the provisions of the Gambling Act, and it was only after the visit of the Public Prosecutor to one of the houses that I was in a position to take vigorous action, and stamp out this demoralizing form of game on a bagatelle table. In a few days the houses were all closed.

15. In connection with gambling, the case known as the "Barsát-ká-Sattal", or rain speculation case, may be mentioned. This case was finally decided a few days ago by the High Court on an appeal against the decision of the Chief Presidency Magistrate. The Magistrate's decision has been upheld. I have addressed Government requesting them to move the Legislature to amend the law on gambling, if possible, before the next monsoon, in such a way as to bring within its purview the rain betting, as I understand that endeavours are being made by the promoters of rain speculation to rent a place for the purpose in the vicinity of a public clock.

16. In connection with cognizable crime, 23,314 persons were arrested and placed before the Magistrates against 22,225 in the previous year. Of these, 21,350 were convicted, showing a percentage of 91.57 against 91.07 in 1891, 1,580 were acquitted, 72 were under trial, 10 committed to Sessions and 302 were otherwise disposed of.

17. Of the cognizable cases 16,797 were reported to, and investigated by, the Police. Of this number 15,040 ended in conviction, 709 in acquittal, and 17 were pending at the end of the year, the percentage of police cases investigated to cases convicted being 89.53 as against 87.31 in 1891. Of the remaining 1,031 cases, 27 were maliciously false, 783 were undetected and 221 were transferred to other authorities and otherwise disposed of.

18. The percentage of undetected cases to cases reported is 4.66 against 5.52 in the previous year, which shows an improvement in the detection of crime. Amongst the undetected cases 135 were of house-breaking and 628 of theft.

19. The large number of cases remaining undetected emphasises the necessity for the long-delayed increase to the force. It is, however, satisfactory to find that the percentage of detection is slightly better than last year: but when a force is undermanned, and consequently excessively overworked, they have not the time to give the necessary attention to undetected cases, their energies being fully employed in attending to the crimes of the hour.

20. *Property stolen and recovered.*—Property of the total value of Rs. 3,02,788 was reported to have been stolen in the year under report, while the recovery amounted to Rs. 1,50,776, giving a percentage of 49.79 against 51.6 last year.

21. The number of serious offences against life was 10 as against 14 in the previous year; of these 8 were other murders including 1 case of infanticide; 1 was an attempt at murder, and 1 was culpable homicide. Convictions were obtained in 1 case of other murders and in 1 of culpable homicide.

22. The following is the review of serious crime:—

Other murders.—On the 18th February at 2 p. m. the attention of the Police was called to a room on Nowroji Hill which was locked, and on being forced open the dead body of a Hindu woman named Penkoo, aged 22, was discovered with her throat cut, and alongside a chopper stained with blood which had been recently sharpened. Her paramour Rangoochary Tandawarchary was suspected, as he had absconded. Every effort has been made to trace him, but without success, up to the present.

23. On the 27th February, at 10.30 p. m., one Abdulla Gopichand raised an alarm that his mistress Rádhi, aged 28, had been murdered. They lived at Falkland Road and occupied two rooms with an entrance at front and back. The deceased was found lying in the back room with her throat cut; ornaments valued at Rs. 5 were missing from her person; the sheet on her bed had an impression of a bloody hand. Abdulla had a peculiar crooked finger and the impression corresponded with his hand. Two boxes in the room had been forced open; in one of these a pair of trousers was found stained with blood. Abdulla was seen wearing these the same evening. Abdulla and Rádhi frequently quarrelled about money and other women, and on this day he had brought a woman named Jooloo to the house. Rádhi had a row with him over this woman, and he assaulted her. Jooloo stated that she held Rádhi by the legs and Abdulla cut her throat. Abdulla and Jooloo were arrested. Jooloo afterwards withdrew her statement, and was discharged by the Magistrate. Abdulla was committed to the Sessions, where the evidence against him was considered insufficient, and he was discharged.

24. On the 20th April, at 7 a. m., one Rághu Malhári entered the house of Rukhma Náráyan in Lady Jamshedji Road, Máhim, where he found his wife

Gopi. He stabbed Rukhma in the back and stomach with a large kitchen knife, Gopi caught hold of him by the waist when he stabbed her on the left side, from which she died on the spot. An alarm was raised, and a Mahomedan neighbour arrested Rághu as he was attempting to escape. Rukhma Náráyan died in the Jamshedji Jijibhai Hospital a few hours after admission. It appeared that Rukhma had on two occasions enticed Rághu's wife from his house. Rághu was tried at the Sessions and transported for life.

25. On the 28th April, at 6 a.m., the lifeless body of a mendicant named Lallia *alias* Walji, aged 28 years, was discovered on the foot-path in Hornby Road near the Standard Buildings lying in a pool of blood. A deep wound was visible on the right temple. One Gania Tukarám, Morár Nána and Bália Ganpat were arrested. It appeared that they had a row with the deceased the previous day about the division of some money stolen by a lad whom Bália had reared up as an expert pick-pocket. Deceased threatened to inform the Police. During the night they all spent the money in eating and drinking, and at 2 a.m. one of the three accused threw a large stone on the head of the deceased whilst he was asleep. The stone was found alongside the body. The Magistrate discharged two of the accused, Gania Tukarám was committed to the Sessions, but owing to the principal witness absconding, the Crown entered a "*nolle prosequi*," and accused was discharged.

26. On the 21st May, at 2 a.m., a woman named Rádhi, aged 20, living with her husband Sumboo Rukmáji, a Dock labourer, at Nowroji Hill, was heard by the neighbours calling aloud for help. As the door was secured from inside, a policeman was sent for, who opened the latch with a nail. The room was in darkness; on a light being brought, Rádhi and Sumboo Rukmáji were discovered lying on the floor with their throats cut. Both were dead, and a knife covered with fresh blood by the side of them. Sumboo had reason to believe his wife guilty of improper conduct with an acquaintance of his, and for two months they had lived on bad terms. The Coroner's jury returned a verdict of murder against Sumboo Rukmáji.

27. At 5-45 a.m. on the 3rd June the dead body of one Bápu Sakhrám, aged 18 years, was discovered in a toddy tope north of the Victoria Gardens. The throat had been cut, and there was a large incised wound on the chin. The body was on its back and naked, fresh blood was on it, and a pool of blood below; his *dhotar* lying alongside and his *langoti* under the legs; a piece was found near the body. Sallu, the mother, was found at a chawl in the Chinebpokly Road. She identified the body and stated that Bápu worked in the E. D. Sassoon Mill and lived with her. The previous evening after taking his food he took a piece from her, stating he was going to hear a *kirtan* in the chawl. He then had on a silver *kurgota* valued at Rs. 24 and a gold ring in his right ear valued at Rs. 4. As he did not return by 11 p.m. she became anxious and made enquiries, but could find no trace of him. He was not seen at the *kirtan*. The *kurgota* and the ear-ring were missing off the body. He appeared to have been murdered for this property. He was a good lad and was well liked by the mill and chawl people. A searching and prolonged enquiry was made by the Police and Detectives. On the 17th June two Hindus, who had been seen in the company of the deceased the evening before the murder, were arrested on suspicion, but were subsequently discharged by the Magistrate, as nothing could be discovered to connect them with this crime.

28. On the 23rd September the body of a newly born female child was discovered in a well at Belyedere Road. It had an iron pulley tied to the waist and a piece of tape round the neck. The Police Surgeon could not state whether the child had been born alive, as the body was much decomposed, but that the tape round the neck was sufficient to cause strangulation. The Coroner's jury returned a verdict of murder against some person or persons unknown. No clue could be obtained in this case.

29. On the afternoon of the 21st November one Rághu Bhikíya whilst walking along Northbrook Street suddenly knocked down a woman named Itti and stabbed her with a knife in the abdomen, and was about to strike another blow with the knife when a Mahomedan pluckily disarmed him and made him over to the Police. Itti died ten days afterwards in the Jamshedji Jijibhai Hospital. It appeared that Itti was in the keeping of Rághu, and that she was constantly calling on him to supply her with money and clothes; they had

frequent quarrels over this. Rāghu, who was only a labourer, was unable to meet her demands. The case was pending at the end of the year.

30. *Attempt at murder.*—On the 12th June 1892, at about 11-30 P.M., one Chandulāl Khushālji while returning from his place of business to his residence at Mumbādevi was assaulted just as he was entering his house by a person he recognized as a bad character. He was first struck a blow with a stick on the back, and on crying for help, and turning round to see who his assailant was, he received a heavy blow on the head from an Arab Sidhi whom he knew to be also a bad character. The blow on the head caused him to bleed profusely and he was removed to the Goculdāss Tejpal Hospital. Had Chandulāl not been protected by his pagri the injury to the head might have proved fatal. It appeared that there had been some bad feeling existing between Chandulāl and one Tārāchand Godidāss about some money matters, and that Tārāchand, in order to wreak his vengeance upon Chandulāl, had hired the two men to commit this assault on him. The complainant in this case laid an information before the Magistrate charging Abdulla Bhisi with an attempt to murder and Tārāchand and Ghena Akla with abetment. They were all discharged, as the Magistrate was not satisfied with the evidence. Abdulla Bhisi has since been deported as a notoriously bad character under Act III of 1864.

31. *Culpable Homicide.*—On the 4th September, about 10 P.M., a hamal named Soma Bosāwa, aged 30, called to see his brother Munju in the service of the Honourable Fazulbhoy Vishrām at Mahālakshmi. In the same compound their brother-in-law Kana resided, with whom they were on bad terms. Soma quarrelled with Kana and struck him with a stick. He reported that matter to his master, Mr. Mir Ali, the son of the Honourable Fazulbhoy Vishrām. Mr. Mir Ali accompanied by his cousin, Mr. Musābhoy, went to the servants' quarters and ordered a Pardesi to arrest Soma. This the Pardesi did; but shortly afterwards Soma escaped and drew a knife and stabbed the two Mahomedan gentlemen mentioned and three servants. Amongst the latter was one Gopāl Sewa, aged 19, who died in the Jamshedji Jijibhai Hospital three days afterwards. Soma tried to escape, but was arrested by a Police sepoy. He was convicted at Sessions of culpable homicide not amounting to murder, and transported for ten years.

32. *Non-cognizable Crime.*—There were in all 9,189 non-cognizable cases during the year under report, of which 4,066 were under the Indian Penal Code and 5,123 under special and local laws. Under the latter head there were 4,998 municipal cases. In connection with non-cognizable crime, 7,649 persons appeared before the Courts, of whom 2,888 were convicted, 1,269 were acquitted, 3,458 were discharged after appearance, and 32 were awaiting trial at the end of the year, the remaining 2 being transferred.

33. The following statement shows the different communities to which offenders in cognizable and non-cognizable cases belonged :—

	CASES.														Grand Total.
	European.		Portuguese.		Hindu.		Mahomedan.		Parsi.		Others.		Total.		
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	
Cognizable	288	5	420	11	13,513	592	5,097	104	267	1	75	4	22,657	719	25,376
Non-cognizable	61	0	119	4	2,564	377	2,165	155	422	45	84	—	7,595	687	7,640
Total	349	5	539	15	16,077	969	7,262	259	689	46	159	4	24,252	1,406	26,658

34. With reference to the explanation required by Government as per paragraph 3 of their Resolution No. 3486, dated 24th June 1892, Judicial Department, on the Police Administration Report of the City of Bombay for 1891 it has been discovered that 5 cases instead of 6 were wrongly entered in column 8 of the Statement A, Part I, which explains the erroneous percentage shown in the statement.

35. *Trade under the Arms Act.*—The subjoined statements indicate the extent of arms, ammunition, &c., exported, imported and transported at Bombay :—

Received into Bombay.

1979. By Transport including transshipment	Air Craft.	Bleak.	Carlinus.	Gunn.	Pikes and loachess.	Catfishes.		Perch and Carp.	Gizzard.		Bluntnose Power.		Sturgeon.		Charrs.		Trout.	Rainbow Trout.	Forage Fishes.	Misc.	Total.
						Loaded.	Empty.		Tons.	Cwt.	Tons.	Cwt.	Tons.	Cwt.	Tons.	Cwt.					
131	429	2	348	321	300	7,030,150	8,25,207	1,74,51,000	24	15	108	15	15	8	—	—	1,308	13	65,292	8,000	8,000
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131																					

Sent out of Bombay.

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The licenses and permits issued under the Arms Act during the past year were as follows:—

Permits to exempted persons	1,498
Do. to public servants	87
Possession licenses	451
Journey do.	77
Dealers' do.	39
Transshipment licenses	51
Export licenses to exempted persons in Native States ...	1,004
Export and transport, including other licenses registered in this office	716
Import licenses	310
Permits for withdrawal of ammunition from the Siwri Magazine	336
Total	4,568
1891	3,888
Increase	680

36. *Inquests*.—During the year under report the Coroner held 409 inquests against 403 in the previous year. The following is the record of the verdicts:—

Homicides... ..	15
Deaths caused by rash and negligent acts	5
Suicides	93
Accidental deaths	228
Deaths from natural causes	44
Deaths from unknown causes	27
Total	409

Of the 93 suicides the numbers in the different communities were as follows:—

European.		Eurasian.		Native Christian.		Malomundan.		Parsi.		Brahmin.		Marathi.		Bania.		Other Castes.		Low Castes.		Total Hindus.		Grand Total.	
Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
8	—	—	1	—	—	7	4	10	2	—	2	11	13	11	1	12	9	2	2	36	37	59	31
																							92

37. *Pilgrims*.—From information furnished by Messrs. Thomas Cook and Son it appears that during 1892 they granted passes and passports to 8,143 against 9,096 in 1891. Of this number 5,834 were British subjects, 724 subjects of Native States and 1,585 foreigners. Besides the above number, 147 passed through Bombay to the Hedjaz on passports obtained from different British Civil and Political Officers in India.

38. *Fires*.—During the year under review, 109 fires occurred against 105 in 1891, the aggregate loss of property being Rs. 72,231. In one of these fires that took place at Carnac Road on 13th March 1892, 2 persons were burnt to death.

39. *Mohurram*.—The following table gives the number of tabuts and punjás erected in the past two years:—

Year.	Tabuts.	Punjás.	Total.
1891	177	899	1,076
1892	169	883	1,052
Increase	...	...	...
Decrease	8	16	24

During this festival the energies of the Police are taxed to the utmost. For

10 days it is a constant strain. The usual careful arrangements were made, and the festival passed off quietly.

40. The visit of His Excellency the Marquis of Lansdowne, Viceroy and Governor-General of India, at the end of March last, for the purpose of opening the Tansa Water Works entailed considerable extra work on the Police. The resource and intelligence of the force were fully exemplified on the occasion of the several entertainments organized at the time. It affords me pleasure to be able to note that His Excellency the Viceroy expressed his full appreciation of the way in which the Police had performed their duties.

41. One of the features of the year has been a number of strikes among the mill-hands on account of reduction of wages. The following strikes took place in the different divisions:—

D Division	...	...	...	1 mill.
E "	...	...	...	6 mills.
F & G "	...	...	...	4 "

Considerable extra work was thrown on the Police by these strikes, in order to prevent breaches of the peace and criminal intimidation. The mill operatives do not appear to have any regular organized system, as yet, for carrying on a warfare of this kind.

42. *Strength and Cost of the Police.*—The following is the strength and cost of the Police for the year 1892:—

		Rs.			Rs.
<i>(a).—Land Police.</i>			1,378	Brought forward	4,50,780
1 Commissioner of Police	...	24,045	87	Constables of all grades	14,624
1 Deputy Commissioner of Police	...	10,833		House-rent allowance to 9 subordinate officers on less than Rs. 100 and to	
Office Establishment	...	7,623		87 Constables of all classes	1,228
6 Superintendents	...	26,816		Contingencies	3,153
26 Subordinate officers on Rs. 100 and upwards	...	55,803	<i>(d).—Dockyard Police.</i>		
92 Subordinate officers on less than Rs. 100	...	31,426	3	Subordinate officers on Rs. 100 and upwards	4,244
1,123 Constables of all classes	...	1,66,297	4	Subordinate officers on less than Rs. 100	991
House-rent allowance to 92 subordinate officers on less than Rs. 100, and			77	Constables of all classes	9,625
1,123 Constables of all grades	...	13,499		House-rent to 4 subordinate officers on less than Rs. 100 and to 77 Constables	994
Rents and contingencies	...	85,272		Rents, contingencies, &c.	1,163
Prison Van Establishment, Arms and Ammunition Licensing Department and the Pilgrims Department	...	4,006	<i>(e).—Dock Police.</i>		
<i>(b).</i>			1	Superintendent	3,600
99 Government Police Guards	...	12,357	2	Subordinate officers on Rs. 100 and upwards	2,721
House-rent allowance to do	...	1,205	6	Subordinate officers on less than Rs. 100	1,490
<i>(c).—Harbour Police.</i>			76	Constables of all classes	2,957
1 Superintendent	...	4,390		House-rent to 6 subordinate officers on less than Rs. 100 and 76 Constables	1,039
4 Subordinate officers on Rs. 100 and upwards	...	5,220		Hospital expenses	7,677
9 Subordinate officers on less than Rs. 100	...	1,988	1,634	Total	5,13,896
1,378	Carried over	4,50,780			

43. During the year under report 218 officers and men were rewarded by promotion, 97 received good conduct badges and 22 received money rewards. There were 18 dismissals against 14 in 1891. The number of officers and men punished departmentally was 11 and 381 respectively, and the number of men judicially punished by the Magistrates was 5—3 under the Police Act and 2 under other offences.

44. The general conduct of the force during the year has been good.

45. The percentage of admissions to hospital has risen from 142·85 to 170·94, and I am constrained to reproduce the following paragraph from my letter No. ¹²⁹⁴ dated 15th March 1889, on the general increase of the Bombay City Police Force:—

"It (the duty) is, however, done at the cost of prematurely aging the rank and file, and of sending many of the superior officers to hospital from exposure and extra work."

46. The number of casualties by death was 23, including those of Superintendent Page and Inspector Dillon, against 24 in 1891.

47. *Juvenile Offenders*.—From the table noted in the margin it will be seen that the number of offenders of this class has fallen from an average of 626 to 577. It was surmised the number might show a tendency to increase under the restrictions of the Factory Act: but such anticipation has not been realized.

1890	608
1891	627
1892	506
	1,735

3 years' average, 577·6.

48. I must again respectfully invite the attention of Government to my remarks in the several previous annual reports on the pressing necessity for the provision of quarters for the rank and file and the construction of the Police head-quarters and lines at the Arthur Crawford Markets. When these projects are carried out, the health of the force will show great improvement, and its power to meet all emergencies will be greatly enhanced.

49. The number of men in the force able to read and write does not show any great increase. The remarks made by me in previous reports on this subject are still applicable.

50. The results of the operations of the Police during the year show an improvement in the percentage of cognizable cases ending in conviction, also in convictions of cognizable cases under the Penal Code. Under the investigation of crime the percentage of cases ending in conviction to cases investigated shows improvement. All this is satisfactory as an indication that there has been no falling off in detection, but the increase in cases against property clearly demonstrates that the power of prevention is considerably diminished by the want of men and the excessive and continuous work falling on the existing force. Bricks cannot be made without straw, and the necessity for the increase to the force proposed by me in the early part of 1889 has now reached an acute stage.

51. I wish to mention specially the following officers for the efficient manner in which they have discharged their very responsible duties:—

Superintendent J. Crammy.	Superintendent H. Brewin.
" T. G. Sweeney.	" J. McDermott.
Superintendent H. Ingram.	

The other Superintendents have efficiently discharged their duties.

52. Sirdár Mir Abdul Ali, Khán Bahádúr, Superintendent of the Detective Branch, has performed his duties in his usual masterly manner.

53. The following Inspectors are deserving of mention for zeal and activity during the year:—

Ráo Bahádúr Dáji Gangáji Rao.	Inspector A. L. Butterfield.
Inspector Prámj Biháji.	" Lec-Smith.
" W. R. Jones.	" J. Stanford.
" G. H. Cobb.	" J. Roberts.
" W. J. Nolan.	" J. Grayhurst.
Ráo Sáheb Morarráo Káhrságar.	" Roshan Ali Asád Ali.

Inspectors Moore and Gray have justified their promotion, and are promising officers.

54. My Deputy Mr. Gell proceeded on furlough on 24th September 1892. I cannot conclude this report without recording my opinion that Government possess in him a very valuable officer, to whom my thanks are due for the ability with which he has seconded my efforts in maintaining the discipline and efficiency of the force.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

W. H. WILSON, Colonel,
Commissioner of Police.

Crime for the year 1892.

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STATEMENT

PART I.—Return of Cognizable

		CASES.																			
Serial Number.	Law under which punishable.	Description of Crime.	Reported to have been committed during the year, whether taken up by Magistrate direct or by the Police, and including all false accusations of cognizable crimes and investigated under Section 111, Criminal Procedure Code.																		Number of cases disposed of under Section 247, C. P. C.
			Reported to have been committed in previous years and brought under enquiry during the year.																		
			Cases pending before the Courts from previous year.																		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20		
CLASS III.—Serious Offences against Person and Property, or against Property only.																					
20	306, 307, 308	Dacoity	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
21	309, 402	Preparation and assembly for dacoity	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
22	304, 307, 308	Robbery with (1) violence or stuffing drugs, (2) by other means in dwelling-house on the highway between marts and emries, (3) other robberies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
23	302, 303	Robbery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
24	270, 281, 292, 430 to 432, 435 to 440	Serious mischief and cognate offences	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
25	434, 435, 437 to 440	Mischief by killing, poisoning, or maiming any animal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
26	444, 445, 447 to 449	Lurking house-trespass or house-break- ing with intent to commit an offence, or having made preparation for hurt, or having made preparation for hurt	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
27	449 to 452	House-trespass with view to commit an offence, or having made preparation for hurt	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
28	412, 413	Receiving stolen property by dacoity or habitually	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
29	311, 400, 401	Belonging to gangs of thugs, dacoits, robbers, and thieves.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total			208	...	3	120	118	87.25	81.29	380	...	...	113	33	2	40.35	83.20	1	...	...	
CLASS IV.—Minor Offences against the Person.																					
40	341 to 344	Wrongful restraint and confinement	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
41	350, 357	Rash act causing hurt or endangering life	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
42	374	Compulsory labour	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total			30	...	2	18	8	28	44.44	6	...	...	2	2	...	50	60	...	...	...	
CLASS V.—Minor Offences against Property.																					
43	453, 456	Lurking house-trespass or house-break- ing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
44	379 to 382	Theft (of cattle Ordinary)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
45	406 to 408	Criminal breach of trust	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
46	411, 414	Receiving stolen property	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
47	447, 448	Criminal or house-trespass	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
48	471, 472	Breaking closed receptacle	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total			5,292	...	1	14	3,290	5,017	88.98	99.90	3,913	...	...	1,978	219	4	67.92	89.91	90	...	
Total, Classes I to V			3,303	...	1	24	2,709	2,291	88.98	89.94	3,434	...	...	2,449	230	12	60.42	88.90	23	...	

A—concluded.

Crimes for the year 1899—concluded.

PERSONS.																	PROPERTY.												
Number arrested or appeared on other persons during the year.	Arrested by Police.	Appearing under order of Magistrate.	Head of column 10 to 22.	Deaf, dumb, or considered without being brought before a Magistrate for trial.	Released without being brought before a Magistrate.	Percentage of persons released in Police cases without being brought before a Magistrate to persons arrested by Police.	Number actually brought before a Magistrate for trial.	Acquitted or discharged after appearance before a Magistrate.	Finally convicted (including persons ordered to give security for good conduct).	By Sessions or High Court.	By Magistrate.	By Sessions or High Court.	Number of persons shown in columns 20 and 21 who were sent up by the Police.	Percentage of persons convicted in Police cases to persons arrested by Police.	Percentage of persons convicted in Police cases to persons sent up for trial.	Number of persons of 40 years and over, which, having served, after one month of imprisonment, are sent to the custody of Police.	Number pending at end of year.	Before appearance before Magistrate.	On bail.	Under trial before Magistrate.	Committed to Sessions.	Number of cases in which property was stolen.	Number of cases in which property was recovered.	Percentage of cases in which property was recovered to cases in which property was lost.	Amount of property stolen.	Amount of property recovered.	Percentage of value of property recovered to value of property lost.	REMARKS.	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
905	1	45	17	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
43	15	66	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1,078	81	1,158	...	...	...	...	1,158	100	...	1,040	...	953	60-97	90-81	1	1	53	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
351	...	351	...	...	...	...	350	71	...	278	...	276	74-54	78-57	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4,553	69	4,732	...	...	...	...	4,723	82	...	4,430	...	4,501	97-94	98-41	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6,656	72	6,728	...	...	...	...	6,701	6,413	216	...	...	6,385	...	6,307	95-20	90-74	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2,790	...	2,790	...	...	...	...	2,790	100	...	2,317	...	2,317	92-07	99-46	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
31	1	12	...	...	...	...	12	...	...	12	...	12	100	100	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
82,306	3,068	...	...	...	...	...	3,067	197	...	2,870	...	2,870	...	89-50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6	...	6	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	6	...	6	100	100	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	100	100	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
27	...	27	...	...	...	...	27	...	...	27	...	27	100	100	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
21	...	21	...	...	...	...	21	...	...	21	...	21	100	100	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	2	100	100	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
42	...	42	...	...	...	...	42	...	...	42	...	42	100	100	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	100	100	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15,603	8,236	15,891	...	...	...	...	15,600	747	...	17,671	...	18,852	94-91	90-54	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
16,229	8,317	19,699	...	...	...	...	16,780	850	...	18,871	...	19,742	94-49	85-59	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
89,873,197	23,314	...	...	...	...	...	23,649	1,214	...	21,221	...	22,204	92-56	91-08	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

1 Transferred.
11 persons warned and discharged.

8 persons warned and discharged.

3 persons warned and discharged.

In 5 cases proceedings were not taken, persons being convicted on more than 3 other charges.

2 Transferred.
2 persons transferred and 1 sent to Lunatic Asylum.

2 persons implicated in 59 cases did not respond to bail.

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W. H. WILSON, Colonel,
Commissioner of Police.

STATEMENT A.

PART II.—Return of Non-capital Crime for the year 1892.

Serial Number.	Law under which punishable.	Description of Crime.	CASES.						PERSONS.				Remarks.		
			Average institutions of the preceding year.	Instituted during the year.	Taken up by Magistrate of his own motion.	Total of columns 5 and 6.	Number of cases in which 1 to which the Police were employed to make enquiry.	Number of persons against whom process issued.	Actually appeared before the Court, including persons who were present.	Discharged after appearing.	Acquitted.	Convicted.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Class I.—Offences against the State, Public Tranquillity, &c., &c.															
1	130	Abatement of offence and commitment, &c.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2	131, 119	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total															
3	121 to 125, 200	Offences against the State, &c.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4	172 to 197, 201 to 204, 218 to 219, 220	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5	107 to 109, 217 to 222	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
6	110 to 300, 303 to 311, 411 to 424	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
7	405 to 427	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8	428 to 469	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
9	145, 148 to 156, 159	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total															
Class II.—Breaches of Offences against the Person.															
11	251 to 255	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
12	259	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total															
Class III.—Breaches of Offences against Property.															
13	261 to 269	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total															
Class IV.—Minor Offences against the Person.															
14	282, 305, 356	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
15	283, 357	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
16	284	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
17	285	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total															

Persons warned and discharged.

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STATEMENT B.
Thuggi and Dacoity, Administration of Poisonous or stupefying Drugs for Criminal purposes, and other Professional Crimes.

Description of Crime.	CASES.		PERSONS.						COMPARATIVE RETURNS.						Remarks.		
	Committed during previous two years, and in which no conviction was obtained up to beginning of the year.	Occurred within the year.	Cases under Column 2 and 3 brought to trial with in the year.	Cases under Column 2 and 3, in which no one was brought to trial up to close of year.	Number supposed to be concerned in cases in Columns 2 and 3.	Arrested.	Brought to trial.	Convicted.	Acquitted.	Remaining under trial.	Number supposed to be at large at the close of the year.	Number of persons arrested.	Brought to trial.	Convicted.		Property stolen.	Property recovered.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Thuggi { By strangulation ... By poison ... Dacoity on land ... Dacoity on water ... Robbery by administration of poisonous or deleterious drugs— (a) with murder ... (b) without murder ... Other professional crimes, viz.— Kidnapping ... Cattle theft ...																	

NOTE.—Columns 12 to 17 will include all persons arrested or brought to trial during the year for those offences, though such persons be not included in Columns 2 and 3. The difference should be explained in the column of Remarks.

Police Commissioner's Office, Byculla, }
 W. H. WILSON, Colonel,
 Bombay, 7th April 1893.
 Commissioner of Police.

STATEMENT G.

Statement showing the Total Expenditure during the year 1892 on Police Buildings in the Island of Bombay.

Reported by the Executive Engineer, Presidency.	Amount.	Reported by the Accountant General.	Amount.
	Rs. a. p.		Rs. a. p.
A.—Repairs to buildings valued above Rs. 1,000	3,975 15 4	D.—Petty repairs up to Rs. 1,000 ...	783 14 0
B.—Minor works to buildings valued above Rs. 1,000 and up to Rs. 2,500	975 8 10	E.—Petty construction up to Rs. 1,000.	222 1 0
C.—Large works to buildings valued above Rs. 2,500		Total for Police Budget ...	985 15 0
		F.—Rate per man on the total sanctioned number of Police of all grades	0 9 7
		Grand Total ...	5,937 7 2
Total from Departmental Public Works Budget ...	4,951 8 2	G.—Rate per man on the sanctioned number of Police of all grades...	3 9 11

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Bombay, 7th April 1893.*

W. H. WILSON, Colonel,
Commissioner of Police.

STATEMENT H.

Statement of Dismissals and Resignations in the Subordinate Grades of Police in the Island of Bombay during the year 1892.

	Total strength of the Force at commencement of the year.		Number of Men, including column 1 discharged on reduction.		Number of Dismissals from all classes.		Number of Resignations.		Percentage of Dismissals from other causes than Reduction and of Resignation together on the whole strength of each branch of the Force as shown in column 1.		REMARKS.
	1		2		3		4		5		
	Regular Force.	Municipal Force.	Regular Force.	Municipal Force.	Regular Force.	Municipal Force.	Regular Force.	Municipal Force.	Regular Force.	Municipal Force.	
Bombay ...	1,640	...	...	...	18	...	40	...	3.53	...	

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Bombay, 7th April 1893.*

W. H. WILSON, Colonel,
Commissioner of Police.

STATEMENT I.

Statement showing the Offences for which persons of the age of 14 years and under were placed before the Presidency Magistrates, Bombay, during the year 1892.

Serial Number.	Offences.	Number of Persons.	Convicted.	Discharged.	RESULT OF PERSONS CONVICTED.					
					Sent to the David Sassoon Reformatory.	Imprisoned.	Flogged.	Fined.	Remanded over to be reformed by the police.	Admonished and discharged.
1	Theft	182	166	16	45	21	94	2	...	4
2	Fraudulent possession of stolen property	18	16	2	4	5	3	2	...	2
3	Gambling	18	17	1	...	1	...	14	...	2
4	Disorderly behaviour	9	7	2	...	...	1	3	...	3
5	Drunk and incapable	3	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	2
6	Criminal house-trespass	2	2	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
7	Criminal breach of trust	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
8	House-breaking	9	9	...	1	3	3	2	...	...
9	Drunk and disorderly	11	11	...	...	1	...	6	...	4
10	Police Acts	5	5	...	...	...	...	5	...	...
11	Public Conveyance Act	110	110	...	...	...	...	104	...	6
12	Voluntarily causing grievous hurt	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
13	Robbery	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
14	Dishonestly receiving stolen property	11	10	1	3	1	2	...	...	4
15	Begging for alms	10	9	1	...	5	...	...	...	4
16	Indecent behaviour	7	6	1	...	...	...	6	...	...
17	Torturing animals	3	3	...	...	...	...	3	...	...
18	Letting off fireworks	20	20	...	...	...	...	18	...	2
19	Exposing articles for sale	24	24	...	...	5	...	17	...	2
20	Causing obstruction in a thoroughfare	58	56	2	...	...	...	48	...	8
Total		503	476	27	56	43	104	230	...	43

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STATEMENT J.

Statement showing the Number of Persons re-convicted by the Presidency Magistrates, Bombay, and the nature and amount of punishment inflicted during the year 1892.

Serial Number.	Offences.	RE-CONVICTED.				FIFTY DAYS AND UNDER.		SIX MONTHS AND UNDER.		TWO YEARS AND UNDER.		FOUR YEARS AND UNDER.		REMARKS.				
		Once.	More than once.	More than twice.	More than three times.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Prison.	Flogged.	Sent to the District Prison for reformation.	Admitted and discharged.	Acquitted.
1	Theft	156	81	55	54	18	3	205	...	95	...	10	...	4	...	4	1	4
2	Robbery	1	2	7	9	...	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	Horse-stealing	19	10	7	7	...	...	14	...	18	...	6	...	1	...	1	...	...
4	Fraudulent possession of stolen property	14	1	3	4	2	...	14	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	Gambling	15	3	5	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6	Criminal breach of trust	9	6	1	...	1	...	3	3	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7	Receiving stolen property	...	3	2	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8	Criminal trespass	...	6	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
9	Voluntarily causing grievous hurt	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10	Drunkenness	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
11	Police Act	4	2	2	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
12	Public Land Conveyance Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...
13	Breaking closed receptacle	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
14	Escape from lock-up	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	...	...	...	...
15	Kidnapping	1	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
16	Other offences	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total		243	111	76	81	28	5	213	3	132	...	16	...	54	5	7	1	17

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STATEMENT K.

Return of Inquests held by the Coroner of Bombay during the calendar year 1892.

Causes of Deaths.		Number of Inquests held during 1891.	Number of Inquests held during 1892.	Increase.	Decrease.
Homicidal cases.	{ Culpable homicide amounting to murder ...	17	9	...	8
	Do. not do. ...	1	3	2	...
Hash and negligent act not amounting to culpable homicide.	...	4	4	...	...
Rupture of spleen caused by a blow struck under provocation	...	1	1	...	...
	{ Burning ...	...	1	1	...
	Cutting throat ...	4	5	1	...
	Drowning ...	46	44	...	2
	Hanging ...	2	4	2	...
Suicidal cases.	{ Jumping out of a window, terrace, &c. ...	5	5	...	...
	Lying on a railway line in front of a railway train in motion ...	3	2	...	1
	Poisoning ...	33	30	...	3
	Shooting ...	...	2	2	...
Accidents on board the ships	...	21	16	...	5
Do. from machinery	...	7	9	2	...
Do. from railway within railway limits	...	15	10	...	5
Do. from tramways	...	5	5	...	...
Accidental drowning	...	37	31	...	6
Do. poisoning	...	3	5	2	...
Bite of venomous reptiles	...	1	4	3	...
Do. mad dogs	...	6	4	...	2
Do. wild animals	...	...	1	1	...
Excessive drinking	...	15	11	...	4
Explosion of gunpowder	...	4	2	...	2
Do. sewer gas	...	...	1	1	...
Fall from a balloon	...	1	...	...	1
Do. houses and buildings	...	19	28	9	...
Do. scaffolding and ladders	...	4	3	...	1
Do. hills	...	1	...	...	1
Do. trees	...	3	8	5	...
Fall into dry docks	...	1	1	...	...
Do. of road	...	3	...	...	3
Falling bags of grain, sugar, seed, &c.	...	2	3	1	...
Do. bales of cotton, piece-goods and cases of merchandise	...	1	4	3	...
Do. earth and stones	...	4	3	...	1
Do. houses and buildings	...	...	2	2	...
Do. iron plates and bars	...	1	...	...	1
Do. timber planks and posts	...	1	5	4	...
Inhaling mephitic gas	...	1	2	1	...
Injuries from carts and carriages	...	34	30	...	4
Do. fire	...	26	25	...	1
Do. horses and bullocks	...	2	4	2	...
Scalds	...	3	4	1	...
Miscellaneous accidents	...	4	7	3	...
Natural causes	...	40	44	4	...
Deaths how and under what circumstances caused not known.	{ Arsenical poisoning ...	1	4	3	...
	Found dead ...	5	2	...	3
	Found drowned ...	12	15	3	...
	Run over by vehicles ...	1	1	...	...
	New-born children found in streets in an advanced state of decomposition ...	1	5	4	...
Still-born	...	3	...	...	3
Total		403	409	63	57

Coroner's Office,
Bombay, 1st February 1893. }

(Signed) THOMAS BLANEY,
Coroner of Bombay.

(True Copy)

W. H. WILSON, Colonel,
Commissioner of Police.

Police Commissioner's Office,
Bombay, 7th April 1893. }

STATEMENT L.

Return of Fires in the Island of Bombay between 1st January and 31st December 1892.

Number.	District.	Date.	Locality.	Hour.	Nature of Property damaged or destroyed.	Name of Owners of Property destroyed.	Estimated damage of property destroyed.	Cause of Fire.	Remarks.
1	C	1892. 2nd January	Duncan Road	11 A.M.	The roof of a house and household furniture, &c.	Yama woman, Sonbhai woman and other tenants.	Rs. 250 0	Accidental	The woman Yama having cooked her food at 9 A.M. left the fire still smouldering, and as there were no persons in the house, it is supposed they caught fire.
2	D	7th	Napean Sea Road	Afternoon	A quantity of hay	Linji Ardeshir Pande	0 8	Unknown.	It is attributed to an insane female relative of the owner, who is said to have thrown a lighted match down close to where a quantity of straw was lying.
3	F & G.	"	Dhruvi	7 A.M.	A house...	Narayan Apa	1,015 0	Accidental	Some of the walls were seen smoking near this house, and the fire had a slit on the top, and the fire had accidentally dropped a lighted match into it.
4	D	18th	Mahabaleshvari Road	4.30 P.M.	A hut	Krishna Sapji.	40 0	Accidental	Reported to have been caused by a child aged 3 years while playing with matches.
5	E	"	Bellasis Road	3 A.M.	A box containing a quantity of clothing, &c.	Jagdishwar Bhat	99 0	Do.	
6	D	27th	In the compound of the Tower of Silence.	2.30 P.M.	Two huts	Jesa Bhujin and Jivi woman Khavra.	100 0	Do.	
7	A	30th	Fort Bunder.	6 A.M.	A quantity of coal	Hiralal Rangopal		Spontaneous combustion.	
8	E	"	DeLisle Road	1.30 P.M.	A quantity of cowdung cakes and the boarded floor of the room was partly destroyed.	Makhi woman	15 0	Accidental	
9	B	10th February.	Khanbekar Street.	3.45 P.M.	Some wedding decorations	Haji Ahmed Sulaiman	220 0	Unknown.	
10	C	11th	Kietwadi Main Road	12 noon	A quantity of grass	Chaturbhuj Murdaji	5 0	Accidental	The fire was caused by a lighted bid being thrown carelessly in the grass.
11	B	12th	Caracoe Road	2.30 A.M.	A house...	Padda, Munno, Mahomed Elachim Salahi Mackhai.	2,725 0	Do.	It is supposed to have occurred from a careless use of a fire-place.
12	B	"	Nigdelvi Street	9.30 P.M.	A door and a shield's cot	Ranjai Pooja	1 0	Unknown.	It is believed to be due to a naked oil lamp that was left burning when the landlord went to sleep.
13	F & G.	16th	Dadar, Kumbharwada	3 A.M.	A javi hat	"	25 0	Accidental	It is supposed that the occupant while in sewing fell asleep, when a lamp that was hanging close to the lamp was extinguished, and the fire was prevented from being blown out by the wind.
14	D	20th	Valkeshwar Road	12 midnight	Do.	A madi	10 0	Do.	The fire was put out in a moment the hut was in flames.

Wm. No.	Division	Date	Locality	Hour	Name of Property damaged or destroyed	Name of Owner of Property destroyed	Estimated Amount of Property destroyed	Cause of Fire	Remarks
15	F & G.	24th February	Sivri Road	2 P.M.	A small tiled shed, dried hay and a small bullock cart.	Mohamed Hasan Gelsan	Rs. 25 0	Unknown	
16	A	25th "	Scott Press, Colaba	2.30 P.M.	A quantity of cotton	Scott Press and Company	200 0	Friction	The fire was caused by the tenant of the mill, who, while dropping a bundle of cotton, set it on fire.
17	B	"	Sudagar Street	12 midnight	A jalli hut	"	20 0	Accidental	Jagannath says when his servant gave the alarm he saw one Prag Sridhar running away, and he saw a fire in the room. The fire was not, as they were not on good terms with each other.
18	F & G.	"	DeLafe Road	2.20 A.M.	A cattle shed	Jagannath Prag	100 0	Do.	
19	E	26th "	Haines Road	2.45 A.M.	A rubbish dustbin	Municipality	60 0	Unknown	The plank was set on fire by a naked boy, which was left burning close to it.
20	E	26th March	Bilpon Road	2 A.M.	A fire of a room and a quantity of property, verandah and a plank.	Bani Mittal	400 0	Accidental	It is attributed to one of the boiler machine axles having become hot, and ignited the cotton about the machine.
21	F & G.	"	Kala Chauli Road	2.20 P.M.	A quantity of cotton	The Western India Mills Co.	100 0	Do.	
22	E	6th "	Huzia Mohalla	10 A.M.	An old jalli hut, another hut and a wood depot.	Wagris named Hari Kachra, Galla Ram, Kaval Ram and Bheron Sahab Sayal Maho	100 0	Careless smoking	
23	F & G.	"	Government Distillery, Dader	Noon	A quantity of javia	Krishna Babaji	0 8	Accidental	Fire was carelessly left in the fire place.
24	D	8th "	Tardeo	9 A.M.	Articles of clothing	Lala Bhaia	20 0	Do.	Articles of clothing hanging over a fire in the room accidentally caught.
25	E	"	Bilpon Road	1 P.M.	A jalli shed and a quantity of grass.	A Pandori	5 0	Do.	It is believed that a quantity of grass which was in the shed caught fire from some live coals left in the fire place after the Pandori had finished his work.
26	B	13th "	Charnak Road	8 P.M.	A house and furniture, and two Mahomedans lost their lives.	Smair Bhimsa	21,000 0	Unknown	Two Mahomedans, who came from outside to assist their relatives living in the burning house, lost their lives through suffocation caused by the fire.
27	E	13th "	Pethkin Lane	10 P.M.	A bamboo partition of a room and a bundle of clothes.	Gorind Ramji	250 0	Accidental	The origin of the fire is due to the bamboo partition having caught fire from the chula in a room close by.
28	E	"	Freder Road, Clerk Bunder	8.30 P.M.	A coal stack	Dadabhai Hermaji	Nominal	Spontaneous combustion	It is attributed to the careless use of a fireplace.
29	F & G.	23rd "	Government Gate Road, Parel	12 noon	A jalli hut	Vilhoji Sambanji	50 0	Accidental	
30	G	23rd "	Sail Bader	2 A.M.	A box containing matches.	Mitha	2 0	Unknown	
31	A	24th "	Colaba, Scott Press	10.20 A.M.	A quantity of cotton	Scott Press and Company	20 0	Friction	The tent caught fire from a fireplace.
32	A	1st April	Wellington Lines	"	A small tent	Mr. Bonatti, of the Municipality.		Accidental	

33	A	12th "	Lower Oolha	...	10-30 A.M.	...	A quantity of cotton...	Golden Cotton Press Company...	1,000 0	Firemen	One Balmi, aged 14 years, employed in the Press while running away to the fields, and was killed by jumping from a height of about 12 feet, injuring her head.
34	E	"	...	...	8 P.M.	...	A quantity of cotton (waste).	Lakshmin Pappi	...	Unknown.	...
35	E	14th "	...	...	4-50 A.M.	...	Two godelmas and a quantity of waste cotton.	Jafathan Mahongel and Lakshmin Pappi.	3,250 0	Do.	...
36	A	17th "	Lower Oolha	...	8-45 A.M.	...	A quantity of cotton...	Scott Press and Company	200 0	Firemen.	...
37	A	18th "	Do.	...	10-40 P.M.	...	A quantity of waste cotton.	Bomlay Cotton Press Com-	No damage.	Unknown.	...
38	F & G.	22nd "	Ferguson Road	...	9 A.M.	...	A straw stack	Bann Mahadev	50 0	Accidental	...
39	E	27th "	Ripon Road	...	8-30 P.M.	...	A number of bobbins	New Hindustan Mill & Co.	500 0	Firemen.	...
40	D	2nd May	Mahade Hill	Government	3 P.M.	...	Three tents and a stable	Government	2,500 0	Unknown.	...
41	F & G.	23d "	Parul Tank Road	...	10-30 A.M.	...	A jowl hut	Dhanda Gopel...	35 0	...	...
42	"	6th "	Ferguson Road	...	7 A.M.	...	A quantity of cotton...	The Star of India Mill	200 0	Accidental	...
43	D	11th "	Ridge Road	...	10-30 A.M.	...	A hut and several jowls	Gundji Jainam and Babu.	No damage.	Unknown.	...
44	C	13th "	Falkland Road	...	2 A.M.	...	A mosquito curtain...	Amriti woman	1 8	Accidental	...
45	B	15th "	Bhandi Bazar	...	10 P.M.	...	The roof of a brass foundry.	Muridhar Karamdas	60 0	Unknown.	...
46	E	26th "	Haines Road	...	11-15 P.M.	...	A quantity of hay and eight rooms of a chawl.	Gandaji 1044ji	600 0	Accidental	...
47	E	19th "	Iyennla Flats	...	4 P.M.	...	A stack of rice straw	Sakari Popet	120 0	Do.	...
48	E	20th "	Chinchookli...	...	3 P.M.	...	A cow shed and another small shed	Yanna Kondaji and Gola	30 0	Unknown	...
49	F & G.	22nd "	Delaine Road	...	11-30 A.M.	...	Two huts	Banna Ram and Saha Goyell.	11 8	Accidental	...
50	E	21st "	Ghodaghor Road	...	12-30 A.M.	...	A jowl hut	Jagmohan Malakin	8 0	Accidental	...
51	F & G.	1st June	Goghar Mahalla	...	Evening	...	A quantity of hay	Joseph Antoine Gaudier	1 8	Unknown.	...
52	"	4th "	Lady Jamshett Road	...	6-30 P.M.	...	A jowl hut and five coconuts in a palm.	...	235 0	Unknown.	...

One Balmi, aged 14 years, employed in the Press while running away to the fields, and was killed by jumping from a height of about 12 feet, injuring her head.

But as a quantity of this cotton (waste) was present, it was a source of openings in the side walls, and may have been caused by careless smoking near the godelmas.

It is attributed to some sparks flying from a godelma cotton fluff that was being burnt for the purposes of cultivation.

It was caused by one of the bearings having run hot and ignited some cotton.

A woman named Amriti while sitting on her bed in a bed mill the curtain caught fire.

It is believed to have been caused by a matchstick from a fire in the next room, where a woman had a fire-place.

It appears that a Hindu lad six years of age named Nagya, (whose name is not given) was sitting on straw, got a box of matches from his father's coat pocket and struck a match and threw it over the stove, which caused a fire.

But believed to be due to careless smoking.

It was caused by a tallow having knocked down an oil lamp.

No.	Date.	Locality.	Time.	Subject of Complaint or Cause of Injury.	Name of Owner of Property involved.	Estimated Amount of Property destroyed.	Cause of Fire.	Remarks.
53	B .. 6th June ..	Doner Street in a grain godown.	9 P.M.	A quantity of grain ..	Haribhakar Vidyavhyar ..	Rs. 0	Accidental ..	The fire is supposed to have been caused by a rat eating a grain of a rat lying removed the work off amongst some gunny bags. But it appears to be the result of spontaneous combustion, as there was no other fire in the place. The fire was wrapped was dumpy.
54	C "	Abdul Rahiman Street ..	6.30 A.M.	Liquor bottles ..	Jamselji Narrej, a wine merchant.	600 0	Unknown ..	Two burfushes and two calves that were tied in the shed were burnt to death.
55	D .. 11th ..	Polder Road ..	4.15 P.M.	A jivli hut ..	Mundharji Kamsaji ..	20 0	Do ..	It was caused by the accident of lighting of a lighted kerosene oil lamp.
56	A .. 12th ..	Victoria Bandar, Calcutta ..	3 A.M.	Some boxes of cotton ..	Shangji & Co.	Not ascertained.	Spontaneous combustion.	Jacky Caltan's wife named Pedrose was attending to some business when she was in the room. The kerosene oil lamp that she had in her hand, fell down on a bed.
57	F & G .. 17th ..	Dhatri ..	3 A.M.	A bundle shed ..	Mahat Ali Mohan Ali ..	180 0	Unknown ..	But it is believed to have been caused by careless lighting of smoking.
58	A .. 20th ..	Colaba Point ..		A hut ..	A hand employed in the L. C. cargo system.	12 0	Careless cooking.	Careless use of a fire made to smoke the mosquito net and grates out of the hut.
59	B .. 21st ..	Church Bandar ..	11.30 A.M.	A jivli hut, two lines of huts and a box containing Rs. 525 in currency notes.	Krishna Lathman ..	765 0	Unknown.	It is supposed to have been caused by a fire in the place through a hole on the above floor.
60	D .. 10th July ..	Tando ..	9 A.M.	A quantity of cotton ..	Shiraji Mafid ..	15 0	Accidental ..	But the accidental lighting of a lighted lamp.
61	E .. 18th ..	Gilber Street ..	3 A.M.	A large shed stored with grass ..	Ramnarayan Miar and 6 others.	216 0	Careless smoking.	Careless use of a fire made to smoke the mosquito net and grates out of the hut.
62	C "	Cavel Street ..	2 A.M.	A bed, and a child aged one month was severely burnt about the legs.	Jacky Caltan ..		Accidental ..	It is attributed to the above machine having become heated.
63	D "	Kavaji Vast Tank Road ..	2.30 P.M.	Four shops ..	Kalauldas Kirpordam, David- dai Mahomed Ali and three others.	7,600 0	Unknown.	But the accidental lighting of a lighted lamp.
64	B .. 13th ..	Chinch Bandar ..	11 P.M.	Two gunjan sheds, one stored with grass and the other used for making new labour coats, and the roof of an adjacent shed ..	Bikha Singh, Timali, Sumtir and Haji Gani Sulman.	400 0	Do ..	But it is believed to have been caused by careless lighting of smoking.
65	F & G .. 17th ..	Lady Jambheji Road ..	6.30 A.M.	Two jivli huts ..	Khusnahab Karimkhab and Naha Vaji.	29 0	Accidental ..	Careless use of a fire made to smoke the mosquito net and grates out of the hut.
66	B .. 24th ..	Hemavida ..	2.45 P.M.	A cotton mattress ..	Jagat Keshav ..	5 0	Do ..	It is attributed to the above machine having become heated.
67	F & G .. 2nd August ..	Sivri ..	6 P.M.	A quantity of waste cotton ..	China Mill ..	Noted ..	Do ..	But the accidental lighting of a lighted lamp.
68	F & G .. 22nd ..	Lady Jambheji Road ..	1 P.M.	A jivli hut ..	Soliman Abo ..	70 0	Careless use of a fire-place.	But the accidental lighting of a lighted lamp.
69	D .. 25th ..	Mahabakshi Temple ..	Evening	A jivli hut ..		3 0	Accidental ..	But the accidental lighting of a lighted lamp.

70	F & G	2nd September, Sivri, Kolivada	...	0 p.m.	...	A jathil hut used as a stable ...	Rambhak Jagdevnar...	...	40 0	Careless use of a fireplace, used for smoking out a cow burnt about the body.
71	E	3rd "	New Engalpura	9-30 a.m.	...	A huncup with grass...	Imm	...	0 0	Accidental
72	E	25th "	Fakland Road	11-15 p.m.	...	A jathil hut	Vitro Krishna and three others	...	40 0	Do
73	E	27th "	Tagosara Street	9-30 p.m.	...	Some cloth hanging at a garla	...	...	0 5	Do
74	E	8th October	Old Nagpada	1 a.m.	...	A basket	Hanan Mond	...	0 4	Do
75	E	9th "	Duncan Road	6-30 p.m.	...	A quantity of oil	Mr. Peters	...	No damage	Do
76	E	12th "	Bellaria Road	2 p.m.	...	A portion of the eaves of a house.	Mahadev Khushbidda...	...	Do	Do
77	D	14th "	Arthur Road	11 a.m.	...	A chawl	Thakurda Jagdevnar	...	3,000 0	Unknown.
78	F & G	"	Dhakar	9-30 p.m.	...	A hut	Satu Jagat	...	0 5	Accidental
79	D	15th "	Charni Road	1-45 p.m.	...	A chawl	Krishnadas Natha	...	1,170 0	Unknown.
80	B	18th "	Langoti Mohalla	Forenoon	...	Wood shavings	Hakimji Abolaji	...	Nominal	Accidental
81	B	27th "	Masjid Bandar Road	12 noon	...	The woodwork of the ceiling of a house.	Narsi Keshavl...	...	1 8	Do
82	B	30th "	Mennan Mohalla	4 p.m.	...	A basket	Haji Kasam Gani	...	0 4	Do
83	F & G	3rd November, Dhakar	...	5 a.m.	...	The roof of a caljan hut	Kasam Isa	...	6 0	Do
84	F & G	5th "	Vasipakladi	9 a.m.	...	A hut	Jaski (woman)	...	20 0	Do
85	B	8th "	Chakla Street	4-20 p.m.	...	A mat	Nasir Kaji	...	0 4	Do
86	E	10th "	The compound of Dr. Gopal Shikrin, Pardi Road, Orre Road...	10-30 p.m.	...	A jathil hut and a portion of an adjoining house.	Kirayan Eam and Vasaary Bhalji	...	41 9	Do
87	F & G	14th "	Orre Road...	11 a.m.	...	A jathil hut	Popal Mondali	...	5 0	Explosion causing
88	F & G	12th "	Sivri...	Night	...	A heap of cotton wool-plant	National Mill	...	125 0	Unknown.

Fire No.	District.	Date.	Locality.	Hour.	Nature of Property damaged or destroyed.	Name of Owners of Property destroyed.	Re. a.	Cause of Fire.	Remarks.
89 D	...	12th November.	Vallabhvat ...	...	...	Government	No damage.	Accidental	The cause of the fire was due to some ...
90 E	...	16th	Chinchockli Road	10-50 P.M.	A quantity of cotton	Hongkong Mill	25 0	Do.	A fire place, ...
91 D	...	16th	Nagvel Street	8 A.M.	A quantity of loose hemp and ...	Danbhai Alibhai	10 0	Do.	The origin of the fire is said to be due to the overheating of some yarn.
92 E	...	20th	Bellasis Road	6-45 P.M.	Towel cover and some other loose clothes.	Prestia	15 0	Do.	The accidental knocking down of a ...
93 B	...	22nd	Samal Street	3 P.M.	Two cotton gulls	Mogali (woman)	0 8	Do.	A lighted candle placed on a table ...
94 E	...	...	Arthur Road	7 A.M.	Thirteen window frames	Danodaz Nisaiyan Contractor	150 0	Cardless smoke.	It was caused by some one throwing a lighted ball out of a window.
95 E	...	24th	Himes Road	1-50 P.M.	A jowl hut with six other huts	Bhagis Sata	92 0	Do.	Cardless use of a books with burning coals.
96 E	...	1st December	...	11 A.M.	A ...	Mahadhar Nisardhar	700 0	Unknown.	A spark from a fire used by some ...
97 E	...	...	...	11 A.M.	A ...	Sadia (woman)	3 0	Accidental	servants in boiling water means to have been the origin of this fire.
98 E	...	4th	Abdul Rahiman Street	12 midnight	A one-storied building and property, etc., cloth, silk, and others.	Yannali Jiva, Kasam Fungia	14,000 0	Unknown.	...
99 E	...	...	Bellasis Road	5 P.M.	The roof of a hakechan	Im Khalifa	10 0	Accidental	...
100 D	...	5th	Chakia Street	12-20 A.M.	Some old papers and three ac-	Haji Kasim Haji Abdala	5 0	Cardless smoke	...
101 D	...	...	Najato Sea Road	11-45 P.M.	A stable and an adjoining chawl.	Bastamaji Sorabji	3,000 0	Unknown.	...
102 E	...	7th	Koba Mohalla	3 P.M.	Some coil rope.	Erajji Sundarji	2 0	Cardless smoke	...
103 F & G	...	...	Arbhar Road	3 P.M.	A quantity of grass	Mahadev Desji	1 0	Do.	The fire is supposed to have been caused by some one throwing a lighted ball among the rubbish in a dust-bin.
104 B	...	11th	Malet Road, Vadi Bandar	3-20 P.M.	A dust bin	Municipality	1 0	Accidental	...
105 E	...	16th	Pard Road	11 A.M.	Some rags	Hariba Makool	No damage.	Cardless smoking.	The fire is supposed to have been caused by a lighted ball thrown on ...
106 G	...	18th	Maharan Vadi, Aglari Lane	2 A.M.	Some grass in a stable	Lajji Jagdevi	2 0	Accidental	It is believed to be due to the use of a kerosene oil lamp.
107 D	...	20th	Pim Tavakila Lane	1 P.M.	Some old clothing	Chingam Nurb	1 0	Do.	But apparently due to the overheating of a kerosene oil lamp.
108 F & G	...	24th	Syad Bag Road	...	Some boxes	Karimkashi Shakh Sakar	0 1	Unknown.	...
109 E	...	26th	Tech Mohalla	4-45 P.M.	A quantity of grass	Gopul Kalu	2 0	Accidental	...
Total Re.							75-21 3		

Police Commissioner's Office,
Bombay, 7th April 1893.

W. H. WILSON, Colonel,
Commissioner of Police.

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JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 28th June 1893.

Letter from the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, No. 1884, dated the 7th April, 1893—
Submitting the Annual Report on the Police Administration in the Town and Island of
Bombay for the year 1892.

Further letter from the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, No. 1885, dated the 7th April
1893—Stating that, in conformity with the instructions contained in Government Reso-
lution No. 4075, dated the 14th July, 1886, he forwarded the Report to the Chief
Presidency Magistrate, and appending copy of a letter from that officer, No. 394, dated
the 5th April, 1893.

RESOLUTION.—From Statement A, Parts I and II, attached to the Annual
Report on the Bombay City Police, it appears that 20,581 cognizable and 9,189
non-cognizable cases were reported to the Police or instituted during the year
1892, as against 17,893 cognizable and 8,440 non-cognizable cases in the
previous year. The total number of persons appearing in Court, whether in
cognizable or non-cognizable cases, was 30,698, as compared with 29,045 in 1891
and 28,353 in 1890. The variations in the number of cases under the Indian
Penal Code were unimportant; but the number of offences against special Acts
and Police Acts present remarkable fluctuations. Thus, while the number of
cases under the "Public Conveyance" and the "Prevention of Cruelty to
Animals" Acts rose from 3,540 and 828, respectively, to 4,682 and 3,079, those
against the Police Acts and those headed "Drunkenness" under Act XLVIII
of 1860 declined from 6,156 and 2,551 to 5,570 and 2,410, respectively. The
number of cases of possession of stolen property (under Section 35 of Act XIII
of 1856) increased from 206 to 361. The explanation of the extraordinary increase
in the number of cases under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, furnish-
ed in paragraph 9 of the Report, is, that of the 6,156 cases returned as under
the "Police Acts" in 1891, no fewer than 3,771 were really cases under the
Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act. The number of cases properly falling
under the Police Acts in that year was only 3,213. It appears, therefore, that
there was an increase of 2,357 cases under the Police Acts. This considerable
increase is attributed to more frequent complaints by the public of petty offences,
such as street obstructions, &c., and to greater attention on the part of the
Police to such complaints. If this is the correct explanation, it would seem
that there must have been some laxity on the part of the Police in previous
years. The Commissioner of Police should however report whether paragraph 9
has been correctly understood or not, and supply a more detailed explanation of
the nature of offences constituting the increase. It is satisfactory to note that
the number of gambling cases decreased from 254 to 238.

2. Turning to serious crime, the number of murders was eight, as com-
pared with nine in 1891. There were only two attempts to commit murder and
culpable homicide, as against five in the preceding year. The Police, however,
were less successful in bringing the murderers to justice than in the previous
year; and in only two of the murder cases were convictions obtained.

3. With regard to the general success of the Police, it is observed that,
of the police cases investigated no fewer than 89.63 per cent. and of the cases
decided by the Courts no fewer than 95.49 per cent. were prosecuted to conviction.

These figures are satisfactory and show an improvement on the figures of the previous year. Taking the offences under classes I to V, this improvement is still observable. The chief increase in cognizable crime under the Indian Penal Code was in the number of offences against property. A similar increase was noticed in last year's report, and as the growth of crime of this nature is still reported to be chiefly confined to Máhim and other outlying suburbs, the pressing need for the location of larger numbers of Police in those neighbourhoods becomes more and more evident. When the reorganization scheme is introduced the Commissioner of Police will no doubt bear in mind, when deciding on the distribution of his force, the need which has annually been brought to notice of strengthening the Police in the suburbs so far as the larger force will enable him to do so with due regard to the safety of the other portions of the city.

4. The total value of property stolen increased, as might be expected from the increase in the number of offences against property, from Rs. 2,29,616 to Rs. 3,02,788, and it is only in the recovery of property that the City Police failed in 1892 to attain better success than in the preceding year. The Governor in Council observes that only one paragraph of three lines is devoted to a description of the property stolen and recovered. It would, however, be interesting to know, if possible, some details regarding the more important thefts which occurred during the year. The information afforded in paragraph 20 of the report simply gives the total of columns 43, 44 and 45 of Statement A, Part I. The report should, in future, and where any interesting cases have occurred, amplify the statistical information appearing in the tables attached to it.

5. From Statement A, Part I, column 27, and from Part II, column 11, it would appear that, as shown in paragraph 1 above, the total number of persons appearing in Court on account of both cognizable and non-cognizable cases was 30,698 and not 30,925 as shown in the table in paragraph 33 of the report. Of the 7,649 persons appearing before the Courts in connection with non-cognizable offences only 2,888 were convicted. This result has, however, little or no bearing on the working of the Police, since it is only in a few cases that the Police may have been employed for investigation and the success or otherwise of their efforts in such cases is not separately recorded.

6. In paragraph 36 of the report the Coroner is reported to have held 409 inquests, of which the verdict in 12 cases was one of homicide. In the statement attached to the report only 8 cases of murder and 1 of culpable homicide are reported, and no details of the remaining 3 cases in which the Coroner's jury found a verdict of homicide are forthcoming.

7. The conduct of the City Police force appears to have been quite satisfactory during the year under review, though, concurrently with a decrease in the total number of rewards of all kinds from 465 to 337, there was an increase of one in the number of men punished. The Governor in Council fully sympathizes with Colonel Wilson in the remarks made by him with reference to the serious increase in the percentage of admissions to hospital attributed to exposure and extra work, and the inference drawn from this fact, together with the continued increase of offences against property committed in the outlying portions of the city, only confirms the view expressed in reviewing the City Police report last year as to the urgent necessity for an increase of the Police force. At the same time it must be noted that the year 1892 was an unusually unhealthy one for all classes of the community, and an increase in the number of admissions to hospital may perhaps have been partly due to this circumstance.

8. The Governor in Council desires to place on record his high appreciation of Colonel Wilson's efforts, ably seconded as they were by Mr. Gell, towards the maintenance of the efficiency of the force, and of Khán Bahádúr Sardár Mir Abdul Ali's valuable services in the Detective Branch. The Governor in Council is glad also to notice that Superintendents Crumney, Sweeney, Brewin, Macdermott and Ingrant have maintained their good re-

putation, and that the Inspectors mentioned in paragraph 53 of the report continued satisfactorily to discharge their arduous duties.

(Signed) C. H. A. HILL,
Under Secretary to Government.

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The Commissioner of Police, Bombay,
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